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## DRIVING THE NAIL HOME.

It is refreshing at this early stage of the campaign to find a candidate hitting the nail on the head by attacking the cost of living and setting forth in terse and convincing language the secret of the troubles that assail his country. The candidate happens to be Gen. Leonard Wood, the man of Roosevelt's choice, one who possesses the directness of his noble exemplar in arriving at conclusions instead of indulging in brilliant sophistry and unfathomable depths of ponderosity. General Wood may or may not be the candidate of his party in the presidential race but that possibility is enhanced by his grasp of conditions that go right to the fountain head without contaminating the knowledge with either mixed metaphors or rhetorical suggestion. He declares against the whole system of federal taxation as an infamous effort to add to the burdens of the taxpayer by muddling the situation without leaving the consolation of righteous doing to solace the overburdened taxpayer. Excess profit tax and other taxes must be eliminated, he declares, because they are paralyzing initiative. Then he went on to explain that the war debts should be extended over a greater period and that the attempt of the administration or its successors to bind the present generation to liquidate the national debt is forcing the country into bolshevism and bankruptcy. This thought was expressed by The Bonanza during the early days of the war when democratic politicians ruled that the only way to engage in hostilities was to devise a method of regeneration in the course of a few short years instead of funding the obligations and then slowly clearing them up as was done during the civil war when the nation was not nearly so prosperous. The effort to tax war "burges" against the criticism of the present generation scuffling and only excusable on the assumption that the financiers of the Wilson administration did not understand that the war would mount into the stupendous figures that now baffle the world's highest intellects to devise ways of meeting.

The address where General Wood went on record as a statesman capable of grasping the staggering immensity of the day's problems was delivered at Lincoln S. D. and evidently was a spontaneous expression of his views. Coming at the time when every man of moderate earning capacity was wrestling with income tax reports, the suggestion is all the more illuminating as to what would be urged by this soldier statesman should he be favored with the vote of a majority of the electoral college. The brief summary of the remarks wired from a remote northern corner of the republic implies that the candidate had delivered himself of a speech that would be a tonic to the opening rally in a large city where both a crowded house would insure an attendance worthy of the relation call to attention. "Tax elimination" would furnish a magnificent slogan for the republican campaign and the announcement may be regarded as an auspicious beginning of a movement that will shake the nation of the terrible overhead of unjust and tyrannical charges which are making the United States a nation of tax dodgers and political burglars.

## IRRETRIEVABLE LOSS.

With the passing of the Fallon sugar factory and its early removal to more promising fields comes the recognition of failure on the part of the pioneer industrial achievement of Nevada. The sugar factory at its inception was hailed as the forerunner of an industry that would extend its influence to every farming community in the state. The foundation was well laid, but mismanagement and diversion of labor scuttled the grand hope of the enterprise before it had become fairly launched. Field instructors were lacking and farmers found they made only tolerable progress by the use of their unspecialized facilities. The promoters made the mistake of not beginning right with the planting of the seed and maintaining an efficient field force throughout the season to encourage growers and show the way of converting their crops into ready money. When it was proposed to import cheap labor to attend to the cultivation as is done in every other sugar growing region, there was a protest against the invasion and the result was that the settlers under the Fallon project could not give proper attention to the crops which were essential to a continuance of the factory. When the first crop was garnered and the first sugar placed on the market, consumers in Nevada who were willing to patronize home industry found there was no appreciable benefit from the existence of the factory. Prices were held to the scale established in San Francisco and all sales were based on what it cost to deliver sugar from the coast to Nevada distributing points. Distribution of the product was impossible under transportation conditions as sugar from the Fallon factory would have to assume local traffic rates in competition with the low rates granted for the long haul from the coast or the still longer haul from Utah and Colorado sugar centers. Indifference of the management, the overbearing arrogance of the sugar trust in dictating selling rates and an absence of schooling in field methods brought about the downfall of the infant industry. Once more the company was reorganized with Utah men in control. These were familiar with the intense methods fostered by the Mormon church blessed with a redundancy of child labor and they could not understand why the labor problem was so baffling in Nevada. To assist the best growers, the Utah company shipped scores of laborers to Churchill county. These men were skilled in beet cultivation but as soon as they arrived in the sugar fields they found they could earn better money and more of it at the comparatively easy task of cutting and stacking alfalfa. This robbed the beetgrowers of their last ally and the outcome was that half a crop was raised and the big factory closed rather than undertake a costly and unappreciative course of education necessary to establish the industry on a profitable basis.

## HELPING GOLD PRODUCERS.

One suggestion that will be made to the conference of gold mine operators at the conference called to be held in Tonopah next Monday will be the enacting of a law prohibiting mutilation

or destruction of American gold coins. It is not commonly known that there is no law preventing any person from melting up gold coins or using them in the manufacture of jewelry. In this respect the nation is a century behind other powers which have stringent regulations imposing a heavy penalty for abusing the circulating medium. Before the reserve banks began hoarding gold it was a regular practice for jewelry manufacturers to throw thousands of dollars worth of gold coins into the melting pot as the cheapest and most direct way of providing themselves with the metal which they needed in their arts. A penalty would establish the sanctity of American gold and enable the government to enforce the collection of a gold tax on all metal diverted from the mints. An excise tax of \$10 an ounce would not militate against the jeweler for the increase would be passed on to the customer who could well afford to pay for the luxury. The gold miner is the only man in the world today who stands without protection and whose product cannot be enhanced in value to keep pace with the increased cost of production. The resultant product of his labor stands today at the same standard as it did forty years ago when labor, chemicals, machinery and transportation costs were, in some cases, 60 per cent less than what they are today. Great Britain pays a bonus for every ounce of gold produced in her possessions but the American producers are too loyal to their country to ask any such concessions. They are willing to exert themselves to the end that the government be supplied with enough gold for minting requirements without any additional costs only urging that the gold used in the arts bear its share in encouraging development of a basic industry.

## MOUNTED ENGINEERS WANT LIVE MEN

The United States mounted engineers are issuing a call to the young men of the country to join their branch of the service and receive an education, either technical or academic. It is pointed out that a man may now enlist in the army, serve the country, lead a healthy life and learn anything from grammar school studies to the more advanced college subjects. Lieutenant Marlow, the local recruiting officer, states that under the system now in action, three hours of each afternoon are given entirely to school if the soldier so desires. Among the technical courses offered are those of motor mechanics, drafting, surveying, civil engineering and mechanical engineering, together with commercial subjects.

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 Location of mine Tybo Mining District, County of Nye, State of Nevada.  
 Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1919..... None  
 Assessments collected 1919..... None  
 Amounts received from other sources..... \$2,000  
 Mine expenses in year 1919..... None  
 General expenses year 1919..... \$2,000  
 Paid dividends year 1919..... None  
 Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1919..... None  
 R. S. NICHOLS, Acting Secretary  
 Mch 5 '20

**ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
 of the Nevada Smelting & Mines Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1919:  
 Location of mine Tybo Mining District, County of Nye, State of Nevada.  
 Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1919..... None  
 Assessments collected 1919..... None  
 Amounts received from other sources..... \$150.00  
 Mine expenses in year 1919..... None  
 General expenses year 1919..... \$50.00  
 Paid dividends year 1919..... None  
 Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1919..... None  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
 of the Southwestern Nevada Company for the year ending December 31, 1919:  
 Location of mine Reveille Mining District, County of Nye, State of Nevada.  
 Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1919..... None  
 Assessments collected 1919..... None  
 Amounts received from other sources..... \$350  
 Mine expenses in year 1919..... None  
 General expenses year 1919..... \$250  
 Paid dividends year 1919..... None  
 Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1919..... None  
 R. S. NICHOLS, Acting Secretary  
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**NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING**  
 The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Tybo Consolidated Mining Company will be held on Monday, April 5th, 1920, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the office of the company, 318 State Bank Building, Tonopah, Nevada.  
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